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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the National Security Policy and Scientific
Developments Subcommittee of the House Foreign
Affairs Committee on 9 May 1972

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1. On 9 May 1972 Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, accompanied by [REDACTED] briefed the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments on the current status of Soviet strategic strength. Due to roll calls on the floor, the meeting lasted from 1400 hours until 1615 hours. A technical sweep of the room, 2200 Rayburn House Office Building, was conducted. The discussion included Top Secret/Sensitive material. Mr. Duckett worked from the outline of Soviet strategic weapons systems which is retained in his office and updated material previously provided the Committee.

2. Present for all or part of the session were:

Clement J. Zablocki (D., Wis.), Chairman
Vernon Thomson (R., Wis.)
Ogden Reid (D., N. Y.)

3. Present from the Subcommittee staff were:

George Berdes
John Sullivan
Everett Bierman

4. Mr. Duckett outlined the changes that have occurred pertaining to Soviet ICBMs, submarines and SLBMs, bombers and naval vessels, and defensive missiles since he last met with the Subcommittee on 4 November 1971. He also touched on the current Soviet vessels in Cuban waters including the [REDACTED]. The expected attendance of the full Subcommittee was frustrated by an initial roll call on the floor of the House five minutes before the meeting was due to start and the gallery demonstrations that took place in the afternoon in protest of the President's announcement of the evening before concerning mining of North Vietnamese harbors and bombing of North Vietnamese rail lines. At the conclusion of

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the meeting Mr. Duckett offered to return to meet with the full Subcommittee at the Chairman's pleasure. Chairman Zablocki thanked him for his appearance today and the excellence of the briefing and said that there would be a followup briefing but he trusted it would not be so soon in the future as to be an imposition on Mr. Duckett's time.

5. There are no followups from the briefing.

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